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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Alok K. SRIVASTAVA et al.

Serial No.: 09/872,590

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: METHOD AND MECHANISM  
FOR USING A META-LANGUAGE  
TO DEFINE AND ANALYZE  
TRACES

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) Group Art Unit: 2191

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 8, 2006, Applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.

This response is accompanied by a petition for a one-month extension of time to extend the period to respond to the Office Action to June 8, 2006, and to charge the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17.